

ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS

High Schools to Take Part in Reading-Debating Contest.

PRELIMINARY TEST HERE

Special Correspondence of The Star.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 24.—The preliminary test in reading and debating between representatives of the Alexandria High School and Herndon High School will take place March 5 in the auditorium of the Alexandria High School. The Alexandria High School will be represented by Elwin Brainerd and William Morton in debating and by Miss Kathryn Henderson and John Curtis in reading.

Those winning will participate in the contest at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, March 11. In this contest there will be representatives selected from many of the high schools throughout the state.

The judges of the contest will be Dean William A. Withers of George Washington University, Norman A. Lathrop of the Y. M. C. A., Washington, and Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Contract Suit to Be Heard.

The suit of H. B. Hutchinson against the New York and Pennsylvania Companies, to recover damages for alleged breach of contract on 4,500 acres of timber land, is scheduled to come up for hearing Tuesday morning in the United States court for the eastern district of Virginia. Judge Edmund Waddill presiding. The case was set for trial at the January term of court, and a special date for the hearing was fixed upon at that time. The plaintiff is represented by Messrs. C. E. Nicol, this city; E. E. Garrett and Thomas H. Lion, and the defendant corporation by S. G. Ewert, this city, and R. P. Melvin, Annapolis, Md.

To Exemplify K. C. Degree.

The members of Fitzgerald Council, No. 453, Knights of Columbus, are manifesting much interest in the forthcoming exemplification of the second degree of the order, which will take place Wednesday evening in St. Mary's hall. The degree team will be composed almost entirely of officers of the various councils of that organization in Washington. There will be a large class of candidates. A buffet luncheon will be served following the degree work, this part being in the hands of the entertainment committee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, widow of John Dunbar, died at her home, at Bluemont, Loudoun county, Va., Mrs. Dunbar is survived by two sons, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dunbar, and two daughters as follows: Thomas M. Dunbar, this city; Winard Dunbar, Haymarket, Va.; Richard Dunbar, Purcellville, Loudoun county, Va.; and Mrs. H. P. Reid, Bluemont. Her funeral will be held from her home tomorrow afternoon.

Elks to Name Officers.

At a meeting of Alexandria Lodge, No. 758, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which will be held Monday night, officers will be nominated for the ensuing year. In addition several matters of importance will be up for consideration. The annual election of officers will take place March 12.

The annual election of officers of the Bachelor Club will take place next Wednesday night at the clubroom, at that organization, 412 King street.

Union Lenten service will be held Tuesday night at the clubroom, at P. E. Church. A sermon will be preached by Rev. R. C. Stetson of Washington.

A. J. Butcher has been elected a trustee of Potomac Lodge, No. 28, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Charles E. Simpson.

CAPT. BART DIGGINS DIES.

Was Vice Consul of Medal of Honor Legion of United States.

Capt. Bart Diggins, for twenty-five years captain of the watch at the State, War and Navy Department, who recently resigned from that position, because of ill health, died yesterday at his home, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. D. Holland, Capt. Diggins was seventy-two years old.

Funeral services were held at Key West yesterday afternoon, following which the casket was escorted to the train by the naval militia. Spanish War veterans and a navy band. Interment will take place in Arlington cemetery.

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ANNOUNCES PLANS TODAY.

Suffragists to Tell of War Preparation at Poli's Theater Meeting.

Plans formulated for the members of the National American Woman Suffrage Association to aid the country in time of war will be announced at the mass meeting to be held at Poli's Theater this afternoon. It was announced at the headquarters last night. The program was outlined at a two-day meeting of the executive council of the association, which closed last night with a reception tendered to the committee by the Suffrage Federation of the District of Columbia at 1626 Rhode Island avenue.

Secretary Baker of the War Department is on the program to deliver an address at the meeting this afternoon. Addresses also are to be delivered by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the association; Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

HIGH PRIESTS FEAST.

Masonic Association Members Hold Their Annual Banquet.

Members of the High Priests' association of the District of Columbia, a Masonic order, held their annual banquet last night at the New Exhibit House. Raymond B. Dickey, an ex-president of the organization was toastmaster. Dickey and his subject were: "The Future of the Masonic Order." Other speakers were: George E. Corson, general grand high priest, "The Pinnacle of Fame"; William B. Fowler, grand high priest, "Retrospection"; James W. Wither, grand master of Masons in the District, "Building"; W. J. Johnson, grand high priest, "The Future Assured"; J. F. Evans, representing former high priests, "Achievements"; William B. Dickey, "The Pride of the Clan"; Macdonald, "The Amulet"; and Charles R. Barlett, "In Wonderland."

FUND TOTALS \$3,401.62.

Contributions for Washington Ward in Hospital at Neuilly, France.

The fund being raised in Washington for the purpose of establishing a Washington ward in the American Hospital at Neuilly, France, now totals \$3,401.62, which includes the following contributions, received by The Star and hereby acknowledged: Mrs. Guy Norman, \$5; Senator and Mrs. Southbury, \$2; Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Porter, \$5; S. W. \$3; A. Bruce Robertson, \$1; Alexander Robertson, \$1; Mrs. Chandon Carls, \$1; and Cornelia T. Peor, \$1.

Would Put Limit Here on Food Consumption

Dr. W. C. Woodward, District Health Officer, got out his kitchen expansion limiting apparatus, sterilized his stomach microscopes, adjusted his appetite depth gauge and prepared to do a four-hour-a-day vigil in the cafes, lunchrooms, restaurants and hotels. In his spare moments he was ready to sit at automatic food meters on the mouths of all patrons of public diners.

This was all in pursuance of "preparedness" measures. For, Congress threatened to wish a new job on him, making him food dictator and embargoist on all movements of foodstuff by way of the alimentary canal.

Representative Bennett of New York had offered a joint resolution which would empower the District of Columbia health department to limit the amount of food consumed at public dinners or served to any person in the District within twenty-four hours. The measure was referred to the District of Columbia committee.

WAHWEYANINIG IS HERE.

Police Allege Hotel Clerk Gave Big Chief Whisky.

Indian Chief Wahweyaninig of White Earth reservation, Minn., is scheduled to appear in Police Court tomorrow as a witness against Patrick Harvey, thirty-eight years old, night clerk at a Pennsylvania avenue hotel, who was arrested last night and charged with having given liquor to an Indian.

Friday night Police Commissioner Reckert arrested the Indian chief on Pennsylvania avenue and charged him with being intoxicated. An investigation resulted in the arrest of Harvey.

NOT HURT BY BRITISH ORDER.

Shoe Trade of U. S. Unaffected by England's Embargo.

ST. LOUIS, February 24.—The British prohibition of the importation of boots, shoes and leather will have little effect on the American shoe industry, it was stated by St. Louis manufacturers today.

Jackson Johnson, head of a large shoe company, declared there had been practically no shipment of shoes and leather to England for a year.

Albert M. Ahern, who conducts the semi-annual shoe and leather show here, said that the British embargo on furs would have little effect on the American market.

COLLEGE DEBATES CANCELED.

No Team Willing to Take Negative on Compulsory Training Question.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Debates between the teams of Columbia University and six other universities have been canceled, it was announced today, because no institution was willing to take the negative of the subject, "Resolved, That compulsory military training be established in the United States."

The other institutions are Fordham, Georgetown, Colgate, Syracuse, University of Pennsylvania, and Cornell.

An effort was made to agree on the adoption of compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes, but the consent of all the teams concerned could not be gained, and the Columbia team are unwilling to prepare more than one topic.

MAY BE DROPPED AS DESERTER.

Gen. Mann Issues Order Respecting Absentee Without Leave.

Announcement is made by Gen. Mann, chief of the militia bureau of the War Department, that when an enlisted man of the National Guard, not in federal service, absents himself without leave, and there is reason to believe that he does not intend to return, he may be dropped from the rolls and a deserter, but only with the express authority of the governor or, in the District of Columbia, of the commanding general. No special period of time is prescribed before such action is taken, but each case will be decided according to circumstances.

A soldier dropped as a deserter may, on application made by him in which he admits his desertion, be restored to duty by the governor or, in the District of Columbia, by the commanding general, and the salary and pay may be set aside the charge of desertion as having been erroneously made.

Commodore Mulligan Dead.

ELIZABETH, N. J., February 24.—Commodore Richard Thomas Mulligan, U. S. N., retired, died today at his home here, aged sixty-one years. He was graduated from Annapolis in 1876 and was retired in 1910. He served at sea during the Spanish-American war and later was connected with the naval intelligence bureau.

Senator Gallinger Ill of the Grip.

Senator Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampshire, the republican Senate leader, is confined to his home here with the grip. Physicians said last night the senator's illness was not serious, but that he would be kept quiet for several days. Senator Gallinger is in his eightieth year.

Famous Harness Horse Driver Dies.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., February 24.—John Mullin, a famous harness horse driver fifty years ago, died today at the county home. He was ninety-two years old. Several weeks ago Mullin fell out of a bathtub and fractured his hip.

Will Seize Food in Troy.

TROY, N. Y., February 24.—Mayor Burns, president of the mayors' conference of New York state, tonight announced he would solve the problem of food being sold at exorbitant prices. The mayor also declared there should be a maximum price for the necessities of life.

Exports Show Big Increase.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Exports of domestic merchandise on ships leaving New York in January increased in value by more than \$231,000,000 over the exports in January of 1916, according to figures made public today by the collector of customs. The merchandise sent out last month amounted to about \$292,156,000. The trade with every other continent and with all countries and islands of North America increased.

Train Jumps Track; No One Hurt.

RIO, Wis., February 24.—The Olympic express on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road, bound from Minneapolis to Chicago, was derailed near here today. All thirteen coaches jumped the track, but remained upright and no one was hurt.

BOY SCOUT BAND TO LEAD G. A. R. DIVISION MARCH 5

Commander Frear Urges All Veterans Who Are Able to March in Inaugural Parade.

The Washington Boy Scout Band is to escort the contingent of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., which will march in the inaugural parade, according to an announcement sent out by the department commander, A. H. Frear. It is the desire of the department commander that as many members of the department as possible turn out to march. Those who do not feel able to march from 4th street and Pennsylvania avenue, where the division is to assemble, are requested to join the division at 14th street and Pennsylvania avenue. Junior Vice Commander E. B. Stetson is in charge of the contingent at 14th street and the Avenue.

The employment committee is to meet the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month and the relief committee Friday evening of each week. The following staff officers of the department have been appointed: Assistant adjutant general, O. H. Oldroyd; assistant quartermaster general, Walter Hilton; judge advocate, E. W. Whitaker; chief muster officer, George M. Rowe; inspector, E. E. Godfrey; assistant patriotic instructor, Charles H. Douglas; chief of staff, E. E. Harlow, and color bearer, Ericson Goodhart.

Other appointments recently made are: Council of administration, Archibald Burgess, C. M. Robinson, Convis Parker, Alfred Shaw and E. D. Godfrey. Representatives to the National Encampment—Abram Myers, Theodore H. Brown, R. E. Davis, Alfred Shaw and L. B. Williamson.

Alternates to the National Encampment—Jeremiah Wilt, F. R. Sparks, Lucius D. Alden, Nelson J. Booker and H. E. Hayden.

ROCKVILLE AND COUNTY

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ROCKVILLE, February 24.—Mrs. Mary Carpenter Long, until recently a resident of Washington, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Arthur G. Elgin, in Poolesville, aged forty-four years. She had been ill several months from an affection of the heart. She is survived by her husband, George Long, who is a foreman in the government printing office at Washington, and a daughter, Mabel Long. The funeral took place from the Elgin home, burial being in the cemetery at Beallsville, this county.

The assembly hall in the addition to the Rockville High School building, now nearing completion, was the scene of a colonial tea and musical Thursday evening given by the junior class of the school. More than \$50 was raised. The hall was decorated with flags and flowers. Those participating in the musical were Misses Marjorie Harwood, Elizabeth Defendorf, Lydia Almoncy, Helen Gassaway, Mary Humphrey and Mary Almoncy. Misses Glover and Barnes gave several recitations.

A license to marry was issued by the clerk of the circuit court here today to Miss Ruth M. Stream, nineteen years old of Taylorstown, Va., and Andy Franklin Cooper, aged twenty-one, of Washington, D. C.

Preston B. Ray, clerk of the circuit court for this county, who underwent a serious surgical operation at a Washington hospital three weeks ago, has returned to his home here.

The following transfers of real estate were recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here today: George S. Jackson to Alexander Kilgour, 8 acres; Edna Jackson to Alexander Kilgour, 8 acres; Cronin A. Gray to Garrett D. Lindholm, 4 acres; John A. Koome to John P. Wilkins, 10 acres; Harry M. Martin to Royston P. Beck, 5 acres; Alexander Kilgour to Perry Johnson, 8 acres; Cyrus D. Backus to Hiram B. Backus, lot at Woodside; Overy Chase to Great Falls Land Company, 10 acres; George L. Hancock to Bradley Hills; H. P. Elliott to John A. Sperry, lot at Takoma; William D. Harrison to John Waters, lot at Ashton; Ernest D. Davall to Raymond E. Moxley, lot at Damascus; Thomas O. Simms to Joseph G. Bowman, lot near Kensington; Alfred B. Lord to Chevy Chase Land Company, lot at Chevy Chase; William Haller to Lora M. Beckman, lot in Glen Echo Heights; Lora M. Beckman to Naomi Baker, lot in Glen Echo Heights.

SECRETARY McADOO IN LIST.

Prominent Speakers Heard at Kappa Sigma Banquet.

The work of the fraternity formed the general theme of addresses at a banquet of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity last evening at the University Club. This banquet was the closing event of the annual convocation held Friday and yesterday by the eight chapters of Kappa Sigma in District No. 4.

The speakers were Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury, Dr. Finis K. Farr, Representative Campbell of Kansas, Representative William A. Goodwin of Arkansas, Representative Seward H. Williams, Justice J. Harry Covington of the District Supreme Court and Mark Thistlethwaite.

TO DISCUSS BUILDING PLANS.

Members of Washington Athletic Club Will Hold Meeting.

Plans will be made within a short time for a meeting of the full membership of the Washington Athletic Club, at which plans for the six-hundred-thousand-dollar building will be submitted for approval, together with the financial plans.

Applications during the last few days have come in from members of the House and Senate, and from various branches of the Government, and almost every department being well represented.

According to those on the membership committee the limit of membership is in sight, and will be reached very shortly after the meeting at which the final plans for building the clubhouse are to be made. Then this limit is reached the books will be closed and no more applications acted upon except to place them on the waiting list.

RUSH OF RECRUITS.

Great Lakes Naval Training Station Swamped With Applicants.

CHICAGO, February 24.—The great lakes naval training station at Lake Pluff, north of Chicago, today reached first place among training stations of the United States when 2,400 men were on its rolls.

The officers found it necessary to arrange additional quarters for recruits, who are reaching the station at the rate of from 60 to 80 a day.

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THIRTEEN PERSONS HURT.

Two Passenger Coaches of Train Overturn at Union, Miss.

MERIDIAN, Miss., February 24.—Thirteen passengers and trainmen were more or less seriously injured early today when two coaches of a Meridian and Memphis passenger train overturned when the train split a switch at Union, Miss., near here. L. L. Lashley of Meridian, suffered severe internal injuries and was taken to a hospital at Newton. Others injured were J. M. McBeath, Meridian, democratic national campaigner for Mississippi, deep cut on head; W. Fred Long, Jackson, state secretary, Sunday school association, arm broken, and Fireman Halfacre, leg broken.

FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.

Indictments Against A. Leo Weil in West Virginia Quashed.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., February 24.—Four indictments charging A. Leo Weil, attorney for the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company, with having attempted to bribe members of the West Virginia public service commission, were quashed because of lack of evidence in the intermediate court here today on the motion of B. Kemp Littlepage, prosecuting attorney for Kanawha county.

The indictments grew out of the gas rate case of the company against the commission.

SAFEGUARDS FOR CHINESE.

Germany Replies to Celestial Kingdom on U-Boat Warfare.

LONDON, February 24.—Germany has sent a reply to China's note regarding submarine warfare. Reuter's Shanghai correspondent telegraphs. The reply, says the dispatch, declared that Germany has been compelled by the necessities of the military situation to institute her submarine warfare, but that she will take adequate measures to safeguard Chinese lives.

Buffet Supper for Missourians.

The annual entertainment of the Missouri Society of Washington is to be held in the form of a buffet supper Tuesday evening at Rauscher's.

Thomas L. Rubey, president of the society; A. M. Dockery, third assistant postmaster general; Representative Philip P. Campbell of Kansas and Champ Clark, speaker of the House, are to be among the speakers. Dancing will follow the supper. Those on the banquet committee are James T. Lloyd, chairman; Thomas L. Rubey, Joseph J. Russell, W. N. Holmes, Lee T. Robison, Hubert Newsum, Otis W. Wyatt, Otis J. Rogers, Horace J. Phelps, W. C. Deane and William C. Stierlin.

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Dance to Aid Jewish Relief Fund.

Arrangements have been made to accommodate several thousand dancers at a masquerade ball Tuesday night at Convention Hall by the executive board of the general relief committee for the relief of Jewish war sufferers. Twenty-five prizes are to be awarded. Dr. B. L. Grossman is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

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Do you know what is meant by "freedom of the seas"? Or the "3-mile limit"?

Are you familiar with the relations which have heretofore existed between this country and Germany? Between the United States and the other nations involved in the present titanic struggle?

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If you alone had to decide the course to be pursued in the best interests of this nation of 100,000,000 people, could you decide with the confident assurance that you were guided by wisdom and justice?

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